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Remarks

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 8-12 are allowed, while

claims 1-7 and 13-16 are rejected. By this paper, claims 1-7 and 13-16 are canceled.

Specification

By this paper, paragraph 0001 of the specification is amended to update the

reference to the parent application, which is now an issued patent.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,806,617 (Yamaguchi) in view of U.S. Patent No.

4,335,429 (Kawakatsu). The Examiner also rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,833 (Chhaya et al.).

By this paper, claims 1-7 and 13-16 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 8-12, and submit that

the case is now in a condition for allowance.

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